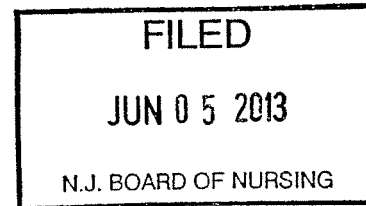


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BOARD OF NURSING

_____	:	Administrative Action
IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	
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MARIEDEL G. HERNANDEZ	:	CONSENT ORDER
<i>NP 00984900</i>	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED	:	
PRACTICAL NURSE IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Mariedel G. Hernandez's application for licensure by examination. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had checked "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and/or convictions on her application and on the

Criminal History Background Check, she had been arrested on November 12, 2005 on charges of shoplifting, and convicted of improper behavior pursuant to N.J.S. 2C:33-2A(1) on March 8, 2006; and had been arrested on July 25, 2007, charged with shoplifting, and convicted on August 23, 2007 of improper behavior in violation of N.J.S. 2C:33-2A(1). After the first offense the applicant was assessed \$505.00 in fine and costs. After the second offense, she was sentenced to one year probation, and assessed \$677.00.

The applicant attributed the conduct to depression following two automobile accidents. She explained that she checked "no" in response to the questions about arrests and convictions because she misread the questions, and did not believe that she had been convicted of a crime.

The Board finds that respondent knew or should have known that by checking "no" on the application in response to three questions about arrests and/or convictions she was providing inaccurate information, and that she therefore engaged in misrepresentation on her application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finds that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, as the conduct underlying the convictions is somewhat distant in time, the applicant has expressed remorse for the conduct, and has demonstrated

significant efforts at rehabilitation. Accordingly, finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and passage of the required examination.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Ann Murphy PLD, APN  
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I have read and understand the  
Within Consent Order and  
agree to be bound by its terms.

Mariedel Hernandez  
Mariedel Hernandez